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1. BEEF REAPPEARED IN EMBASSY MARKET SURVEYS OF
DECEMBER 8 AND 15 FOR 1700 AND 2000 KIP PER KILOGRAM
RESPECTIVELY. BEEF WAS REPORTEDLY LAST SOLD NOVEMBER
24 AT 1500 KIP PER KILO. THE PRICE OF BUFFALO MEAT
ROSE FROM 1400 NOVEMBER 30, AS REPORTED REFTEL, TO
1500 KIP PER KILO DECEMBER 15. VERY LITTLE BUFFALO OR
BEEF WAS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, AT MARKET PRICES.

2. THE PRICE OF A DUCK ROSE FROM 1200 KIP NOVEMBER 30
TO 1700 KIP DECEMBER 15, BUT CHICKEN FELL FROM 2000
KIP TO 1700 KIP. EGGS REMAINED THE SAME AT 1000 KIP
FOR TEN EGGS.

3. PRICES FOR MOST VEGETABLES FELL FROM MARKET SURVEY
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NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 15; LETTUCE FROM 650 TO 300
KIP PER KILO, TOMATOES FROM 1200 TO 900 KIP PER KILO,
STRING BEANS FROM 200 TO 150 KIP PER KILO, ONIONS FROM
600 TO 400 KIP PER KILO, AND GREEN BEANS FROM 300 TO
200 KIP PER KILO.

4. THE PRICE OF FIRST AND SECOND QUALITY WHITE RICE
DROPPED FROM 250 AND 200 KIP PER KILO TO 200 AND 180
KIP PER KILO RESPECTIVELY DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE
PRICE OF SECOND QUALITY GLUTINOUS RICE ROSE FROM 60
NOVEMBER 30 TO 70 KIP PER KILO DECEMBER 15.

5. LOCAL EMPLOYEE CONDUCTING EMBASSY MARKET SURVEY
DECEMBER 15 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO BLACK MARKET
FOR DOLLARS, BUT OTHER LAO HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THEY
EXCHANGED KIP AT 1400 PER DOLLAR, SAME RATE REPORTED
REFTEL.
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